

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

All claims currently being amended are shown with deleted text struckthrough or double bracketed and new text underlined. Additionally, the status of each claim is indicated in parenthetical expression following the claim number.

Claims 1-20 remain in this application.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, and 17 are being amended.

Claims 7, 14 and 20 are being canceled.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for sending an electronic document and/or message from a sender to a recipient, and encrypting the document and/or message, the method comprising:

selecting a document to encrypt and send to the recipient;

selecting a set of recipient rights for the document wherein the recipient rights include an ability to wipe out the document from any storage device;

encrypting the document and the set of recipient rights;

sending the encrypted document and the set of recipient rights from the sender to the recipient;

receiving the encrypted document and the set of recipient rights at a terminal of the recipient; and

accessing the document according to the set of recipient rights.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the set of rights include at least one from the following set: reading rights indefinitely; reading rights up to a preset date; printing rights indefinitely; printing rights up to a preset date; copying rights indefinitely; and copying rights up to a preset date.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the encrypting the document includes utilizing the terminal of the recipient to establish a computer passport.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 further including utilizing at least one of the following to generate an unique symmetry key to encrypt a session key that is used to encrypt the document and set of recipient rights: the terminal's MAC address, master serial number, Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) information or BIOS date.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including using a certificate of the sender.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including selecting from a set of certificates of the sender.
7. (Canceled).
8. (Currently amended) A system for sending an electronic document and/or message from a sender to a recipient, and encrypting the document and/or message, the system comprising:
 - a sender's email system that selects a document to encrypt and send to the recipient, wherein the sender's email system provides selection of a set of recipient rights for the document, wherein the recipient rights include an ability to wipe out the document from any storage device; encryption of the selected document; and the set of recipient rights and the ability to send the encrypted document and the set of recipient rights from the sender to the recipient;
 - a receiver's email system that receives the encrypted document and the set of recipient rights at a terminal of the recipient; and
 - a viewer that accesses the document according to the set of recipient rights.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the set of rights include at least one from the following set: reading rights indefinitely; reading rights up to a preset date; printing rights indefinitely; printing rights up to a preset date; copying rights indefinitely; and copying rights up to a preset date.
10. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the encryption of the document includes utilizing the terminal of the recipient to establish a computer passport.
11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 10 further including utilizing at least one of the following to generate a unique symmetry key to encrypt a session key that is used to encrypt the document and set of recipient rights: the terminal's MAC address, master serial number, Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) information or BIOS date.
12. (Original) The system of claim 8 further including using a certificate of the sender.
13. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the sender's email system includes selection from a set of certificates of the sender.
14. (Canceled).
15. (Currently amended) A method for sending an electronic document and/or message from a sender to a recipient, and encrypting the document and/or message, the method comprising:
- selecting a document to encrypt and send to the recipient; selecting a set of recipient rights for the document, wherein the set of recipient rights includes an ability to wipe out the document from any storage device and at least from the following set: reading rights indefinitely; reading rights up to a preset date; printing rights indefinitely; printing rights up to a preset date; copying rights indefinitely; and copying rights up to a preset date;
 - encrypting the document and the set of recipient rights;
 - sending the encrypted document and the set of recipient rights from the sender to the recipient;

receiving the encrypted document and the set of recipient rights at a terminal of the recipient; and

accessing the document according to the set of recipient rights.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the encrypting the document includes utilizing the terminal of the recipient to establish a computer passport.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16 further including utilizing at least one of the following to generate a unique symmetry key to encrypt a session key that is used to encrypt the document and set of recipient rights: the terminal's MAC address, master serial number, Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) information or BIOS date.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15 further including using a certificate of the sender.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15 further including selecting from a set of certificates of the sender.

20. (Canceled).